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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED VIA POUCH A SEALED LETTER ADDRESSED TO GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV FROM THE OFFICE OF SENATOR FLOYD K. HASKELL OF COLORADO. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO TRANSMIT THIS LETTER WITHOUT KNOWING ITS CONTENTS. CAN YOU FIND OUT FROM SENATOR HASKELL'S OFFICE WHETHER ITS CONTENTS MAKE IT APPROPRIATE FOR US TO SEND THE LETTER TO BREZHNEV VIA THE MFA? ALTERNATIVELY, WE CAN SEND IT BACK WITH EXPLANATORY LETTER.

2. PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR STOESSEL THAT WE ARE FORWARDING LETTER TO HIM FROM PETER FLANIGAN (NOW WITH DILLON, READ, 46 WILLIAM STREET, N.Y.C.), DATED SEPT 8 BUT RECEIVED SEPT 27, IN WHICH HE OFFERS TO HOST LUNCHEON IN NEW FOR HIM WITH LEADING BUSINESSMEN DEALING WITH FRG AND USSR. SINCE POUCH IS SO SLOW, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO CONTACT FLANIGAN BEFORE RECEIPT.

3. ON DINNER FOR MRS. R, WE OF COURSE WILL INQUIRE WHETHER MR. AND MRS. GROMYKO WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT I KNOW OF NO PRECEDENT FOR THEIR ACCEPTING INVITATION FOR INFORMAL DINNER OF THIS SORT. IT ALSO IMPLIES A RATHER DIFFERENT EVENING FROM THAT DESCRIBED IN EARLIER MESSAGES. CERTAINLY
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AS FAR AS OTHER SOVIET GUESTS ARE CONCERNED, IT WOULD NOT

BE A RELAXED, INFORMAL OCCASION.

4. ASSUMING GROMYKOS CANNOT COME, AND FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR MIX OF OFFICIAL AND CULTURAL OFFICIALS, WE ARE TOYING WITH GUEST LIST ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. (WE ARE NOT SURE WHO WILL BE IN TOWN AND AVAILABLE, SO HAVE INDICATED ALTERNATES)

SOVIET GUESTS:

DEP. FONMIN AND MRS. KORNIYENKO (ALTERNATE DEP. MFT AND MRS. ALKHIMOV);

MR. AND MRS. ANDREY VOZNESENSKY (ALTERNATES: MR. AND MRS. YURIY ZAMOSHKIN -- HE IS A PHILOSOPHER/SOCIOLOGIST, SHE TEACHES HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY, BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH -- OR MR. AND MRS. ALEKSANDR KOZLOV -HE LEADS JAZZ BAND, SHE IS PIANIST; BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH);

MR. AND MRS. BORIS STRELNIKOV, PRAVDA (ALTERNATE: MR. AND MRS. ALEKSANDR YEVSTAFIEV -- HE IS WITH STATE COMMITTEE ON RADIO AND TV, SHE IS ARTIST);

GEN. AND MRS. LEONOV, COSMONAUT (ALTERNATE: COL AND MRS. KUBASOV OR MS. TERESHKOVA);

DR. OLGA AKHMANOVA, LEXICOGRAPHER AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SPECIALIST, EXCELLENT CONVERSATIONALIST (ALTERNATES: MRS. KASATKINA -- SPECIALIST IN AMERICAN LIT., MGU -- OR MRS. FILIPPOVA, SPECIALIST IN AMERICAN EDUCATION, USA INSTITUTE.

5. THIS WOULD MAKE TOTAL OF NINE SOVIET GUESTS. BESIDES PARTY OF THREE AND OURSELVES, WE WOULD HAVE MR. AND MRS. DAVID BUCHMAN, MOSCOW REP OF CHASE-MANHATTAN, FOR GRAND TOTAL OF SIXTEEN, WHICH IS MAXIMUM WE CAN HANDLE. APPRECIATE COMMENTS.

6. OUR REPLY TO STATE 229610, CBMS AT CSCE FOLLOW-ON CONFERENCE, FOR WHICH NO DEADLINE WAS GIVEN, IS TAKING A BIT LONGER THAN WE FIRST THOUGHT BECAUSE OF UNAVAILABILITY
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OF OUR SOVIET CSCE CONTACTS. WE HOPE, VIA THESE CONTACTS, TO BE ABLE TO ADD THAT "MOSCOW INPUT" TO OUR COMMENTS.

7. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A FEW COPIES OF ACDA PUBLICATION 89, RELEASED JULY 1976, ENTITLED "ARMS CONTROL REPORT." WE COULD USE ABOUT TEN MORE COPIES, AIR POUCHED, IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

8. FOR GLASSMAN: GEORGIY SVYATOV OF USA INSTITUTE HAS DELAYED HIS TRIP TO STATES. IT IS NOW SET FOR NOVEMBER 3 TO DECEMBER 3. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW BY LETTER FROM MCNAMARA.

9. RE PENDING MATTER, DO YOU HAVE ANY FEEL FROM ART WORTZEL OF WHAT SORT OF TIMING POSSIBILITIES WOULD EXIST IF IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED SOON? ARE THERE ANY CONTINGENCIES IN MIND IF IT IS NOT RESOLVED?

10. YOU SHOULD HAVE (OR WILL BE GETTING) COPY OF LETTER FROM SHAUN BYRNES TO JOAN CLARK, SAYING THAT HE HAS DECIDED THAT HE CANNOT GO TO KIEV BECAUSE OF HIS PLANNED MARRIAGE IN DECEMBER AND LACK OF AVAILABLE APARTMENT IN KIEV. HIS DECISION IS OF COURSE DIRECT RESULT OF DEPT'S EARLIER DECISION TO RECONFIGURE FLORENTSIYA APARTMENTS FOR THREE RATHER THAN FOUR UNITS. NEVERTHELESS, SHAUN DOES WANT TO STAY ON IN MOSCOW, AND WE HAVE ROOM FOR HIM HERE AND PLENTY OF WORK TO DO. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. EVEN IF HE OCCUPIES A KIEV SLOT, HE COULD LIVE HERE UNTIL ANOTHER APARTMENT IS AVAILABLE IN KIEV AND ACT AS KIEV BACK-UP AND LIAISON MAN. AS SUCH HE MIGHT BE MORE USE TO THE ADVANCE PARTY THAN IF HE WERE ON THE SPOT. ROBIN, I UNDERSTAND, THINKS HE CAN HACK TI WITH WHITE AND THE CONSULAR OFFICER, SO THAT WE NEED NOT SCROUNGE AROUND FOR A FOURTH OFFICER TO GO TO KIEV IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

11. HAL SCOTT TELLS US THAT SIMON WILL BE COMING TO MOSCOW END OF NOVEMBER FOR TRADE AND ECON COUNCIL'S JAMBOREE. THEY EXPECT BREZHNEV TO HOST RECEPTION OR DINNER, AND HAVE ASKED US TO PUT ON LARGE SPASO FUNCTION FOR GROUP. (WE AGREED TO LATTER, SUBJECT ONLY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR IF HE IS HERE AT TIME.)

12. REGARDING OCTOBER MEETING OF COMMERCIAL JOINT COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF SKOUG WERE INCLUDED ON U.S. TEAM. I REALIZE THAT MELENCAMP DID NOT GO LAST TIME, BUT HE WAS ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED HERE AND IT DIDN'T HURT TOO MUCH. IT WILL BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO KEN IN HIS DEALINGS HERE IF HE IS SEEN AS INTEGRAL PART OF U.S. TEAM. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE A MOSCOW "FEEL" TO U.S. GROUP.

13. WE'RE A BIT ANNOYED AT THE WAY USIA HAS HANDLED THE WHOLE MATTER OF THE EXHIBIT SHOW IN NOVOSIBIRSK. WE WERE INSTRUCTED FOR MONTHS TO KEEP PRESSING FOR NOVOSIBIRSK AS THIRD CITY, IN FACE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMENTS THAT

CITY OK IN PRINCIPLE, BUT APPROPRIATE PAVILLION FOR WINTER
PROBABLY NOT AVAILABLE. THEN WHEN WE GOT OFFER OF WHAT
IS APPARENTLY ONLY PAVILLION THERE WHICH CAN BE HEATED, USIA
SAYS IT IS INADEQUATE AND THEY WON'T GO. WE SEEM TO KEEP
GETTING IN THESE JAMS WITH AGENCY, AND IN MANY CASES THEY
SEEM TO RESULT FROM LACK OF CAREFUL ATTENTION IN ADVANCE.
PLEASE ASK THEM TO BEAR IN MIND THAT OCCASIONALLY - MAYBE
NOT OFTEN, BUT OCCASIONALLY -- SOVIETS TELL US THE TRUTH,
AND WHEN USIA INSISTS ON A MAJOR PUSH IN THE FACE OF
CONTRARY PRACTICAL ADVICE FROM SOVIETS, THEY SHOULD BE
WILLING TO LIVE WITH THE RESULTS.

14. WE WILL BE NAMING CONTROL OFFICER FOR MRS. R'S
AIRCRAFT CREW TOMORROW (SANDY GUST) AND PROPOSING A
SCHEDULE FOR THEM.
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